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Special Provision for Transient Voltage Surge Suppression

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Operations and the Bureau of Design and Environment to provide statewide requirements for transient voltage surge suppression of traffic signal controller cabinets. It should be inserted into all contracts containing traffic signal controller cabinets.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the August 1, 2003 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include the paper copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory April 18, 2003.

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TRANSIENT VOLTAGE SURGE SUPPRESSION (BDE)

Effective: August 1, 2003

Revise the first paragraph of Article 1074.03(a)(4) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(4) Transient Voltage Surge Suppression. The cabinet shall be provided with transient voltage surge suppression. Transient surge suppression unit leads shall be kept as short as possible and ground shall be made directly to the cabinet wall or ground plate as near as possible to the object being grounded. All transient surge suppression units shall be tested and certified as meeting this specification by an independent testing laboratory. One copy of each of the full testing report shall be submitted to the Engineer.”

Revise Article 1074.03(a)(4)a. of the Standard Specifications to read:

- “a. Surge Suppressor. The suppressor protecting the solid state controller, conflict monitor, and detection equipment shall consist of two stages: stage one which shall include a controller cabinet AC power protection assembly and stage two which shall include AC circuit protection.

The design of the stage one suppressor shall be modular and it shall be installed in such a way that it may be removed and replaced with the intersection under power and in flashing operation. It shall have a permanently mounted and wired base and a removable circuit package. The stage one suppressor shall have two LED failure indicators for power ‘on’ and suppression ‘failure’ and shall meet the following properties:

Stage One Suppressor	
Properties	Criteria
“Plug-in” suppression module	12 pin connector assembly
Clamp voltage	250 V at 20,000 A typical
Response time	Less than 5 nanoseconds
Maximum continuous service current	15 A at 120 VAC 60 Hz
High frequency noise attenuation	At least 50 dB at 100,000 Hz
Operating temperature	-40 °C (-40 °F) to 85 °C (185 °F)

If the controller assembly includes a system telemetry module or remote intersection monitor, the status of the stage one suppressor shall be continuously and remotely monitored by an appropriate alarm circuit.

The stage two, high speed, solid state, transient suppressor shall protect the system from transient over voltage without affecting power at the load. It shall suppress transients of either polarity and from either direction (source or load). The suppressor shall have a visual “on” indicator lamp when the unit is operating normally. It shall also have a UL plastic enclosure, a four position terminal strip for

power connection, and it shall utilize silicon avalanche diode technology. The stage two suppressor shall meet the following properties:

Stage Two Suppressor	
Properties	Criteria
Nominal service voltage	120 V at 50/60 Hz
Maximum voltage protection level	± 330 V
Minimum voltage protection level	± 220 V $\pm 5\%$
Minimum surge current rating	700 A
Stand by power	Less than 0.5 Watts
Hot to neutral leakage current at 120 V RMS	Less than 5 μ A
Maximum response time	5 nanoseconds
Operating and Storage temperature	-20 °C (-4 °F) to 50 °C (122 °F)

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